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Dr. J. Lederberg,  
Department of Genetics,  
University of Wisconsin,  
Madison, Wisc.,  
U.S.A.

Dear Dr. Lederberg,

I recently heard a rumour that you may be coming to Australia some time next year. Is this rumour correct? If you are coming I would be delighted if you would spend some time with us at Canberra.

We do not have much work in the bacterial genetics field, but Dr. Bruce Holloway has obtained interesting results on inter- and intra-strain recombination with Pseudomonas aeruginosa, and we are tackling genetic studies on the pox viruses. You may also be interested in the progress of our studies on myxomatosis, for we have now obtained evidence of genetic changes in the resistance of Australian wild rabbits as well as changes in the virulence of the virus.

If you could tell me what organization is sponsoring your trip to Australia I will make arrangements with it to ensure that you do come to Canberra.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,



Frank Fenner  
Professor of Microbiology  
John Curtin School of Medical Research.